Chinese concerns relating to other fruits and vegetables are also being addressed to enable their export.

Export of alphanso mangoes

†234. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Australia, Japan, New Zealand and America have expressed their intention to import Hapus (Alphanso) mango which is somewhat vapour heat treated;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to allow export of Hapus mango to these countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) Import of Indian mangoes is not permitted by these countries owing to the alleged presence of fruit flies and other pests. As part of the ongoing process, the concerns of these countries are being addressed and sanitary and phyto-sanitary protocols are being concluded to enable export of mango including alphonso, to tnese countries.

Foreign investments in U.P.

†235. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for foreign investment in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years under the liberalisation policy along with the achievements thereof;

(b) the targets fixed for the foreign investment during the forthcoming five years; and

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(c) the steps taken by the Government for achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Government has put in place a liberal and transparent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy, allowing FDI up to 100% in most sectors/activities under the Automatic route. Under the liberalised Industrial Policy, investment decisions, including choice of location, are taken by the entrepreneurs based on their commercial judgement. The Government of India does not fix any target for foreign investment.

Industrial development centres in the country

†236. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of industrial development centres in the country as on the last month and the number of Industrial development centres in Uttar Pradesh out of the above;

(b) the amount provided by the Central Government to the industrial development centres of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(c) the number of industrial development centres proposed to be set up in this financial year alongwith the locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Growth Centres Scheme was announced in June 1988 with a view to promote industrialization of backward areas in the country. Under the scheme 71 growth centres, have been sanctioned. Out of these growth centres, 7 growth centres have been sanctioned to the State of Uttar Pradesh. A total amount of Rs. 10.50 crores has been sanctioned to these centres during the last three years. There is no proposal to set up any more growth centres in the country.

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